Concurrent with this response, Applicant has filed a Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration By the Inventor using form PTO/SB/51 (hereinafter "Supplemental Declaration"). This Supplemental Declaration is being filed to correct defects in the original Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor submitted on 6 February 2004. Claims 1-44 remain pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added to the subject application.

Applicant respectfully submits that this reply has been filed in a timely fashion on Monday October 23, 2006, and that a one-month extension of time is necessary under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) since the three-month shortened statutory period for reply ended on September 21, 2006. A petition and fee for a one-month extension are included herewith as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and 1.17(a). Reconsideration of the aboveidentified application in view of the Supplemental Declaration and following remarks is respectfully requested.

## Notice Regarding Power of Attorney

A new Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address (PTO/SB/82) and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) (PTO/SB/96) are enclosed herewith. Applicant submits this new Power of Attorney with accompanying Statement in response to the Notice Regarding Power of Attorney mailed July 13, 2006 in which the previous Power of Attorney was not accepted for lack of the Statement required by 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b). Applicant respectfully requests the new Power of Attorney together with accompanying Statement be accepted.

## **Objections under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(a)(1)**

The reissue oath/declaration originally filed with this application was objected to as defective for failing to identify at least one error being relied upon as a basis for reissue. Specifically, the statement that "one or more steps were erroneously added to claim 1 and thus unnecessarily limit the scope thereof" was allegedly not an acceptable statement of an error.

The Supplemental Declaration filed herewith includes a statement that specifically points out steps that unnecessarily limited claim 1, namely step (d) coating at least one of said outer surfaces of said core with a layer of ink, and step (e) applying a layer of overlaminate film to at least one outer surface of said core. As explained in the Supplemental Declaration, these errors arose trough a failure to appreciate the full scope of the invention (see MPEP § 1402, 6th paragraph and §1414(II)(A)). It is respectfully submitted that these specifically delineated errors are an appropriate basis for reissue.

Further, the Supplemental Declaration also more specifically points out a further error relied upon for reissue, namely the failure to make reference to a prior copending application, namely Application. Ser. No. 09/158,290, filed Sept. 22, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,214,155) and its ancestors. It is respectfully submitted that this error, specifically delineated in the Supplemental Declaration further constitutes an appropriate basis for reissue.

The Supplemental Declaration specifically points out the errors described above that are appropriately relied upon as a basis for reissue. It is respectfully submitted that the Supplemental Declaration corrects the alleged defects that were the basis of the

objection in the Office Action. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the objection is

obviated.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C.§ 251

Claims 1-44 were rejected as being based on an allegedly defective reissue

declaration under 35 U.S.C § 251. As discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that

the Supplemental Declaration corrects the alleged defects in the original declaration and

thus the claim rejections are obviated. Based on the Supplemental Declaration and

remarks above, Applicant respectfully requests for these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 251

to be withdrawn.

If after reviewing the Supplemental Declaration and these remarks, the Examiner

believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining

matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

References Made of Record and Not Relied Upon

The Examiner listed references made of record and not relied upon in the Office

Action, including Del, Bohn, Hartman, and Kodokian. Applicant has had a chance to

review these references and respectfully submits that they do not teach or suggest either

alone or in combination the elements of the invention as recited in any of Claims 1-44.

**Conclusion** 

Based upon the foregoing, favorable consideration of Claims 1-44 is respectfully

requested. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed,

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asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 63578 (52856).

Respectfully submitted,

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